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deputy Game Warden's &
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December 10, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of an anonymous communication mailed from Chicago, Illinois dated November 30, 1936, which appears to relate to certain alleged conditions existing in Chicago.

I am forwarding herewith photostatic copies of this communication for your information.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Chicago, Ill.
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[Reprinted from yesterday's late editions.]

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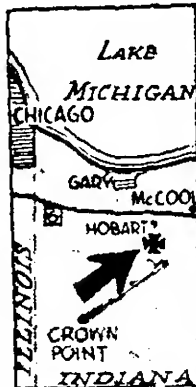
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Special Agent in Charge
Chicago, Illinois

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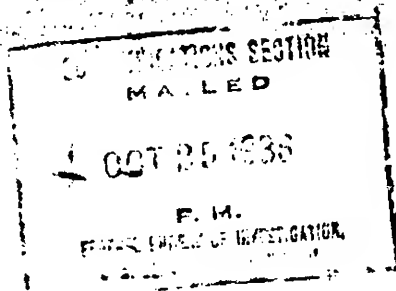
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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
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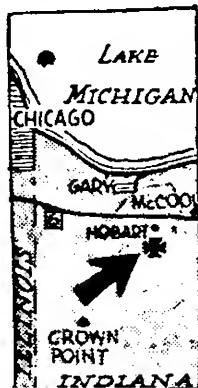
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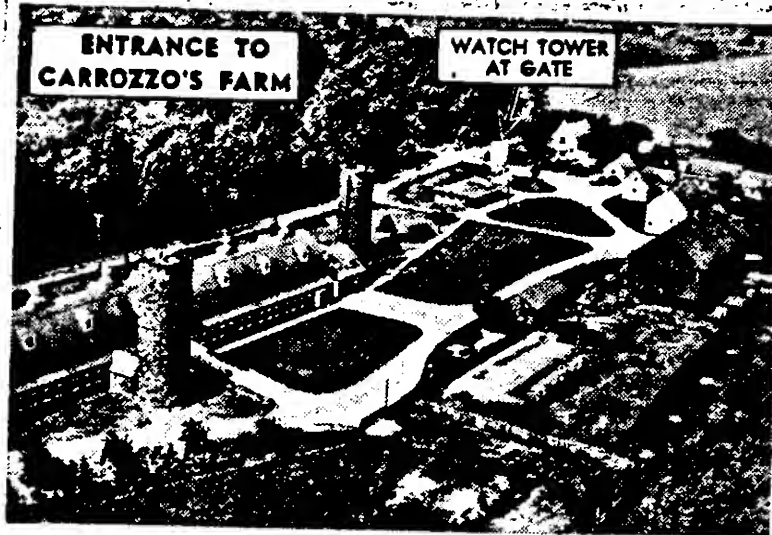
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A Chicagoan's Farm Down in Indiana

(Story starts on page 1.)



[TRIBUNE Photos.]

Three aerial views of groups of buildings and points of interest on the 900 acre farm purchased by Michael Carrozzo, head of the Street Laborers' council in Chicago.

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U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation

Chicago, Illinois
December 6, 1938

Director,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Re: No Case.

Dear Sir:

Kindly furnish the known criminal record of the following:

Name (inc. aliases)	City, Police Arrest, or Other Number.	Approximate Date Fingerprints for- warded Bureau of Investigation.	Fingerprint Classifica- tion.
<i>12-87</i> [REDACTED]	Chicago PD [REDACTED]	<i>b7c</i>	

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Very truly yours,

D. M. Ladd
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Special Agent in Charge.

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Chicago, Illinois

January 11, 1939

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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[redacted] Glenview, Illinois, was interviewed at the Chicago Bureau Office by Special Agent M. W. McFARLIN on January 8, 1939, at which time he stated he has sold [redacted] for the homes of WILLIAM JOHNSON and WILLIAM SKINCKE, prominent members of Chicago's gambling syndicate.

He stated at one time while at the Club Son-Air, which is allegedly run by WILLIAM JOHNSON, he saw Captain [redacted]

[redacted] of the Chicago Police Department, receive a large roll of bills from WILLIAM JOHNSON.

This information is being forwarded to be placed in appropriate Bureau file.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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NATIONAL HOTEL MANAGEMENT CO., INC.

Ralph Hitz, President

EXECUTIVE OFFICES • HOTEL NEW YORKER

THIRTY-FOURTH STREET AT EIGHTH AVENUE, NEW YORK

Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Crowl
Mr. Egan
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March 31, 1939.



NEW YORKER
NEW YORK

BELMONT PLAZA
NEW YORK

DOOR CADILLAC
DETROIT

NETHERLAND PLAZA
CINCINNATI

ADOLPHUS
DALLAS

NICOLLET
MINNEAPOLIS

VAN CLEVE
DAYTON

CONGRESS
CHICAGO

EASTERN SLOPE INN
NORTH CONWAY, N.H.

~~PERSONAL~~

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Chief:

Enclosed is the first sheet of a letter which I received from one of my employees at the Congress Hotel and may or may not be of some value to you. When it has served its purpose, please return it to me, care of the Hotel New Yorker, where I will be all next week, leaving for Dallas on Easter Sunday.

The initials [REDACTED] in the letter refer to [REDACTED] the [REDACTED] Congress Hotel. [REDACTED] is the [REDACTED] As you know, this is one of the hotels we operate but it is in receivership at the present time.

I will return to the Congress on April 17th and, if at that time I can co-operate with anyone from your Department, I will be very glad to do so regarding this matter.

With kindest personal regards,

Cordially,

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Chicago, Ill.
March 23, 1939

Dear [REDACTED]

I believe that I have stumbled across the reason why [REDACTED] is wound around the little finger of every hoodlum in Chicago. Mike Guzik who controls the gambling syndicate lives in X-22/24 under the alias of Levine. Guzik is in charge of the syndicate during the absence of Al Capone, and is reputed to have contributed five million dollars to Mayor Kelly's campaign. Guzik, himself, served six years for income tax evasion. His headquarters is next door to Holcaine's, but he carries on much of his business in the hotel. Messengers come and go to his room, and every morning he carries a little black bag out of the hotel accompanied by two bodyguards. Primary day, he brought in a suitcase full of money and distributed it to the precinct captains of the first ward.

This morning, I overheard a conversation between two men who appeared to be members of the mob, and from their conversation I gathered that [REDACTED] is on Guzik's payroll. This information pieces in perfectly with other things I have observed but did not attach much significance to at the time. Several times when I was on the desk, I received an order from [REDACTED] to deliver a large manila envelope to [REDACTED]. Each time, I was given particular instructions to place the envelope in his hands. Once, he opened the envelope while I paused to talk to [REDACTED] and I observed it was filled with one hundred dollar bills. Each time he received the envelope, he would immediately place it in his vault behind the cashier's cage.

[REDACTED] name was also mentioned several times during the conversation, and it lead me to believe that [REDACTED] might also be on [REDACTED] payroll. [REDACTED] is to the ill-famed houses the same as Guzik is to the gambling syndicate. This might explain why the hotel was operated on a wide-open basis until recently. [REDACTED] operates the [REDACTED] as a front, and makes his headquarters in the same building. Up to the last year, he was a very frequent visitor at the hotel. He still pays the expenses of his old girl friend who lives in X-32 under the name of Mrs. Smith.

If there is a pay-off, it is almost certain that [REDACTED] is the go-between. She bought a large farm in Wisconsin where she is raising turkeys on a fairly large scale, and she plays the horses heavily. She once told me that she had tried several times to retire,

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but [redacted] asked her to stay on because she was valuable to the department. On the other hand, [redacted] tried to let her go several times because she was old and made many mistakes, but was prevented from doing so by [redacted].

The evidence is strictly circumstantial, and the man might have been discussing another man by the same name. However, the pieces of evidence fit together so perfectly that I am inclined to believe that we have found the reason why three large bookies operate on a large scale in the hotel, why the hotel is handed to the hoodlums on a silver platter, and why the place is operated loosely in general. I imagine the evidence to prove or disprove the payoff lies in [redacted] vault in the hotel.

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April 14, 1939

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[REDACTED]
National Hotel Management Company, Inc.
Hotel New Yorker
New York, New York

Dear [REDACTED]

I appreciate your courtesy in transmitting to me the first sheet of a letter you received from one of the employees of the Congress Hotel with your letter of March 31, 1939, which was brought to my attention immediately upon my return to Washington. Pursuant to your request, I am returning herewith the original sheet which you transmitted to me and I want you to know that appropriate consideration will be given to all of the facts which you have furnished to me.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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April 24, 1939

Special Agent in Charge
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith copies of the first page of a letter addressed to [REDACTED] National Hotel Management Company, Inc., Hotel New Yorker, New York, New York, under date of March 25, 1939, by an employee of the Congress Hotel, in which several references are made to persons generally associated with racketeering activities in the Chicago area. These data are being transmitted to you for your information only at this time.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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810 South Spring Building
Los Angeles, California
June 2, 1939

Special Agent in Charge
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

On June 1, 1939 one [REDACTED] who would not leave his address or telephone number, telephoned the office that he had good information that one [REDACTED] who runs cigar stores in Chicago, Illinois, and resides at [REDACTED] Street, Chicago, has made a lot of money as a bookie through the cigar stores; that he is a well-known racketeer and that his name might be of interest to this Bureau.

Very truly yours,

R. B. MOOD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation

1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois

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DIVISION ONE

August 2nd, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1001 Vermont Avenue, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,

There is attached herewith a copy of
an unsigned statement entitled "Capone Crowd
Capture Union", which purports to be from a
member of the Stage Hands Union.

This is transmitted merely for your
information.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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an election was held and Brown was elected. Brown was elected through an intensive campaign of graft and intimidation. The greater number of delegates are from large centers of population and even now anti-Brown sentiment was evident the graft syndicates were called upon to get their wrecking crews out to intimidate the delegates and line them up for Brown.

About two years ago a man named William Berg alias Bioff muscled his way in the Stage Hands Union and he has been Brown's constant companion since. He also managed Brown's campaign for International President.

He is the representative of the Gang and the real leader of the International and also Chicago Stage Hands Union. They are helpless and believe that one of the best things needed are laws to control labor organizations.

For a member of the Chicago Stage Hands Union.

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Request for Bioff Return Signed by Gov. Horner

By the Associated Press.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 12.—Gov. Henry Horner signed and mailed to Gov. Culbert L. Olson last night a request that William Bioff, Hollywood labor leader, be returned to Illinois to complete a 1922 jail sentence for pandering.

Before he signed the requisition for Bioff's extradition, the Illinois Governor issued a statement suggesting that the defendant "be given an opportunity to relate before a grand jury how he has been able to evade for 17 years the serving of his sentence."

Bioff is Hollywood representative of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees and Moving Picture Machine Operators.

At Chicago Assistant State's Attorney Wilbert F. Crowley said he would telegraph Los Angeles police asking Bioff's arrest on a fugitive warrant. He was taken into custody there in November but was released during hearings here.

Bioff surrendered to Federal authorities in California yesterday on an income tax evasion indictment returned Wednesday.

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April 4, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith copies of an anonymous telegram received by the Department on April 3, 1935, concerning alleged disturbances by members of the Al Capone organization.

These copies are being transmitted for your information.

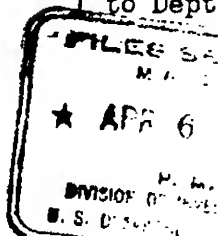
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

CC Cincinnati
Basha

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Enclosure 61664.

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ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KEENAN

To

OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

MEMORANDUM

The Attorney General.....
The Solicitor General.....
Assistant to Attorney General Stanley.....
Assistant Attorney General Wideman.....
Assistant Attorney General Stephens.....
Assistant Attorney General Sweeney.....
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Assistant Attorney General Blatz.....
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Miss Brookley.....
Miss Broomhead.....



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SA 357 AS EL-DAYTON OHIO 2

ATTORNEY GENERAL CUMMINGS
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WASH
WASHINGTON

THE AL CAPONE REMNANT ARE RAPIDLY DESTROYING GERMAN AMERICAN
CITIZENS ON PHONES WITH ABANDONED CALLERS AROUND WESTERN OHIO
CALLING LONG DISTANCE FROM PRIVATE RESIDENCE IN LARGE IOWA
CITY ON MISSISSIPPI RIVER WITH TWO OR MORE REAL PHONES IN
RESIDENCE WHICH CAN BE TRACED TO LOCAL IOWA TELEPHONE COMPANY

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FROM: UNIT #1 & UNIT #3

4-6 1935.

TO: ☐ Director
☐ Mr. Nathan
☐ Mr. Tolson
☐ Mr. Edwards
☐ Mr. Quinn
☒ Mr. Tamm
☐ Unit Two

☐ Unit Four
☐ Files Section
☐ Personnel Files
☐ Mechanical Section
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☐ Unit Five
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SUPERVISORS

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☐ Mr. Lowdon
☐ Mr. Bryan
☐ Mr. Newby
☐ Mr. Richmond
☐ Mr. Thompson
☐ Mr. Chambers

Unit Three

☐ Mr. Joseph
☐ Mr. Berens
☐ Mr. Foxworth
☐ Mr. Weeks

☐ Miss McCarthy

☐ M

☐ Correct
☐ Re-write
☐ Re-date
☐ See me
☐ Send file

*The Bureau received a
similar wire. Copies of
it have been sent to
Detroit, Cincinnati & London*

Baron
Supervisor.

Post Office Department
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INSPECTOR
Washington

IN REPLY REFER TO:
LBJ

April 5, 1935.

The Honorable

The Attorney General.

My dear Mr. Attorney General:

Attention Division of Investigation.

There is transmitted herewith an unsigned telegram sent to the Postmaster General from Dayton, Ohio, under date of April 2, 1935, stating that German-American citizens living in the western part of Ohio are being badly disturbed by long distance telephone calls from members of the Al Capone gang.

Very truly yours,

For the Postmaster General,

K.P. Aldrich
Chief Inspector.

Inclosure.

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THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM THE PATRONS CONCERNING THE SERVICE

CLASS OF SERVICE

This is a full-rate Telegram or Cablegram unless its deferred character is indicated by a suitable sign above or preceding the address.

WESTERN UNION

R. B. WHITE
PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILSON
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

The filing time as shown in the date line on full-rate telegrams and day letters, and the time of receipt at destination as shown
Received at 708 14th St., N. W. Washington, D. C.

CA355 48 NL=DAYTON OHIO 2

POSTMASTER GENERAL FARLEY=

POST OFFICE DEPT BLDG WASH

THE AL CAPONE REMNANT ARE BADLY DISTURBING GERMAN AMERICAN
CITIZENS ON PHONES WITH ABDUCTED CALLERS AROUND WESTERN
OHIO CALLING LONG DISTANCE FROM PRIVATE RESIDENCE IN LARG
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THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

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DL - Day Letter
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NL - Night Letter
C - Cabled Cable
NL & C - Night Letter
Ship Telegram



MINUTES IN TRANSIT
FULL-RATE DAY LETTER

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62-35259-3
Special Agent in Charge,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

There are being transmitted herewith photostatic
copies of an anonymous communication dated April 2, 1934
at Dayton, Ohio pertaining to alleged activities of the
Al Capone gang.

These data are submitted for your information.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Encl. #244395

CC - Cincinnati
Detroit

Encl. (photostatic copy of anonymous letter, dated
4/2/35 to both offices)

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From
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL L. KEENAN

To

OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

The Attorney General	
The Solicitor General	
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Assistant Attorney General Williams	
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Assistant Attorney General Sweeney	
Assistant Solicitor General MacLean	
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Mr. Wolf	
Mr. McGuire	
Mr. J. H. Smith	
Miss Brookley	
Miss Broomhead	

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

For Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Correspondence from Anonymous
Dayton, Ohio

dated April 2, 1935.

relating to wants Department of Justice to get
after Al Capone gang.

is herewith referred for your consideration.

The writer has been informed of this action.

/s/ Frances Perkins
Secretary of Labor.

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*Letting
over to
cc: Mitchell
4/19/35
a.m.*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of the Secretary

Washington

April 15, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Gentlemen:

There are inclosed for attention and disposition
letters of recent date received at this office. These
letters have not been acknowledged.

Very truly yours,

/s/ J. D. LeCron

J. D. LeCron

Assistant to the Secretary

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acknowledged
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Note:

This same letter was sent to Secretary Wallace, of Agriculture, on April 2, 1935 by the sender. No photostatic copy was made as it is identical with one attached.

ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION
KEEP ENVELOPE ATTACHED

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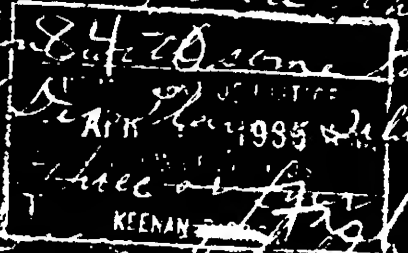
Dear Secretary



CRIMINAL DIV

APR 12 1935

your dis-
 graceful men of the Albert Karpis
 syndicate confidence gang are
 telephoning long distance to Day-
 ton and other localities in Ohio,
 threatening private citizens with
 murder, and warning that they
 will assassinate the President
 himself if their chief is not freed
 from Alcatraz island prison at
 once. It seems that they are sta-
 tioned around the Mississippi
 river in Laverport, Mercersburg,
 or Burlington Iowa, where they
 are in connection with some
 by the name of [unclear] [unclear]
 where they have three or four
 family people [unclear]



them phone in a ready fashion. They have kidnapped several men who are with also forced to phone for Alvin Karpis, in Iowa. The gang men and these forced hired phoned have to disturb both on phones at any hour day or night, in this filthy worded fashion. We believe the Department of Justice can find sufficient cause to get after this entire mob and stop them. We would be glad for your individual cooperation and concern about this matter in Washington, D.C., as it is only by enquiring the administration.

Yours respectfully,
Citizens of Dayton, Ohio.

SANFORD BATES
DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
BUREAU OF PRISONS
WASHINGTON

May 8, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

The attached telegram from Paul Miller,
Fort Wayne, Indiana, is referred to you for such
action as you deem advisable.

Sanford Bates
Director.

Mr. Nathan ✓
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Backus
Mr. Baughman
Chief Clerk
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Keith
Mr. Lester
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Mr. Smith
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Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON INTERSTATE COMMERCE

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Director of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.



Mr. [Signature]
U.S.A.

United States Senate

MEMORANDUM

The attached telegram refers
to a subject in which you are
interested and is, therefore,
referred for your information.

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Yours very truly,

ILL. INVESTIGATION

MAY 2 1935

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WLT	WEEK END CABLE LETTER
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SENATOR VIC DONAHEY OF OHIO

SENATE BLDG WASHN DC

THE AL CAPONE SYNDICATE REMNATE WITH THREE ILLEGAL SCANDINAVIAN
SAILORS AND TWO OTHERS ABDUCTED PHONE CALLERS ARE VIOLENTLY DISTURBING
PEACEFUL CITIZENS IN OHIO HOMES LONG DISTANCE FROM THE MISSOURI
RIVER VICINITY BETWEEN OMAHA NEBRASKAS AND KANSASCITY USING A PRIVATE
RESIDENT WITH TWO OR MORE DIAL PHONES IN OPERATION WHICH NUMBERS CAN
BE TRAILED TO LOCAL TELEPHONE COMPANY PLEASE INTEREST JUSTICE
DEPARTMENT

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LOUIS BARTHOFF 726 EAST MAIN ST.

Set. Chicago cc - Cleveland
Omaha, Detroit & Cincinnati

62-35259-54/35 - GAB

*met. 11:00 am 5/1/35
Louis Barthoff
encl. 5/1/35*

AGB:LL
62-36859

Special Agent in Charge
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith copies of a telegram addressed to the Bureau, dated at Fort Wayne, Indiana, April 26, 1935, signed by Paul Miller, and copies of a telegram addressed to Senator Wm. Bradley of Ohio, dated at New York, Ohio, April 27, 1935, signed by Louis Werthoff, 708 East Main Street, concerning alleged long distance telephone calls by members of the Al Capone gang.

Various anonymous communications have been received by the Bureau, containing similar information. Copies of these communications have been transmitted to the Omaha, Detroit, and Cincinnati offices for their information.

The Bureau desires that the Chicago and Cleveland offices conduct appropriate investigation to determine the identity of the senders of the two telegrams. It is believed in this connection that the names "Paul Miller" and "Louis Werthoff" are probably fictitious.

The Bureau believes that an extended investigation should be made concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure No. 51507

cc-Cleveland (with copies of above mentioned telegrams)
cc-Omaha (with one copy each of above mentioned telegrams)
cc-Detroit (with one copy each of above mentioned telegrams)
cc-Cincinnati (with one copy each of above mentioned telegrams)

★ MAY 6 1935 ★

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Washington, D. C.
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DIRECTOR OF INVESTIGATION EDGAR HOOVER

DEPT OF JUSTICE WASHN DC

DEAR SECRETARY ABOUT SEVEN MEMBERS OF THE AL CAPONE SYNDICATE ARE
CAUSING VIOLENT DISTURBANCE CALLS ON PHONES LONG DISTANCE DAY AND
NIGHT IN INDIANA THEY ARE USING FOUR ABDUCTED PHONERS THREE ARE
ALIEN SCANDINAVIAN SAILORS THEY EMPLOY TWO OR MORE DIAL PHONES
THEIR PRIVATE QUARTERS WHICH CAN BE TRAILED TO TELEPHONE COMPANY
IN SOME MISSOURI RIVER CITY BETWEEN KANSAS CITY AND OMAHA
PAUL MILLER.



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St. Chicago, cc.
Cleveland, Detroit,
Omaha, & Cincinnati
5/9/35. GDB

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Mr. Backus	
Mr. Baughman	
Chief Clerk	
Mr. Clegg	
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Mr. Lester	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Schilder	
Mr. Smith	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Tracy	
Miss Gandy	

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FROM: DIVISION #1 DIVISION #3

16-30 1935.

TO: Director
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Mr. Quinn
Mr. Clegg
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Division Five
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Statistical Section
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Mr. Newby
Mr. Richmond
Mr. Thompson
Mr. Chambers

Miss Gandy
Mrs. Kelley
Miss McCarthy
Mr. Ward
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Correct
Re-write
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See me
Send file
Note and Return
Please call me concerning this
Search, serialize and route

File on Louis Bartholomew?
E. A. Tamm - Room 5107.

Mr Tamm
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POSTAL TELEGRAPH

CB128 50 NL

STOWAYE AND 23 1935 MAY 20 PM 3:00
SECRETARY OF COMMERCE WASHINGTON

DEPT OF COMMERCE BLDG WASH DC

DEAR SECRETARY KINDLY USE YOUR INFLUENCE IN INVESTIGATING AL CAPONE
SYNDICATE LONG DISTANCE PHONE CALLS THEY USE FOUR ABDUCTED
PHONERS TO USE BASE LANGUAGE ON HOME PHONES THREE BEING ALIEN
SAILORS THEY USE TWO OR MORE DIAL PHONES PRIVATE HOUSE WHICH CAN
BE TRACED TO PHONE COMPANY ON MISSOURI RIVER

PAUL MILLER

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POSTMASTER PAULIN

Post Office Dept WASH DC

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	RADIOGRAM

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FROM NEW YORK

POSTMASTER: RETURN TO

NEW YORK OFFICE OF THE

YEAR SEVENTEEN AND A HALF MILLION DOLLARS IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
 CAUSING VIOLENT DISORDER IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
 NIGHT TO THE CITY OF NEW YORK
 AFTER SEVERAL DAYS OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
 PHONES IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
 TELEPHONE POWER IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
 ARE OTHER

PAID BY THE

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KEENAN

OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

The Attorney General

The Solicitor General

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DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE
NATIONAL PRESS BUILDING
WASHINGTON

JAMES A. FARLEY
CHAIRMAN

April 30, 1935

Hon. Homer S. Cummings
Attorney General
Washington, D. C.

Dear Homer:

I am attaching hereto a telegram which I
have received from Paul Miller, Fort Wayne, Indiana,
for whatever consideration you feel it merits.

Sincerely,

JAF/dp

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ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KEENE

OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

The Attorney General

The Solicitor General

Assistant to Attorney General Stanley

Assistant Attorney General Wideman

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Miss Brookley

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MEMORANDUM

I think that you should take vigorous steps to prevent Al Capone from indulging in this sort of conduct!

Parrish

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Baughman	
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MAY 20 1935

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

FILE NO. **62-6**

REPORT MADE AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	DATE WHEN MADE 5/20/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/20/35	REPORT MADE BY J. E. SWANN
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS Postal telegraph service received dispatch dated 4/26/35, by which Chicago Police Department has no record of sender. Results obtained neighborhood investigation.			

REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated 5/9/35

DETAILS

AT VAN WERT, OHIO.

Mr. J. E. Swann, Chief of Bureau, of the Western Union was interviewed and after a search of his records stated the original of the telegram on file stating that he had received forwarded all by the original telegram to the Avenue Center, The Western Union at Cleveland, Ohio.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED

J. E. Swann

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MAY 25 1935

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 1 - Omaha
 1 - Detroit
 1 - Cincinnati

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UNITED STATES
MAY 24 A.M.
 BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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time indicated would have been received by the Entry Tower at the Railroad depot as the office was closed at night time.

From the information furnished by the writer, it was determined that the man who had been seen by Miss Atak was a man who had been seen by her on April 26, 1935 at 9:51 P.M. Miss Atak further stated that the man had first asked her what the rate was for telegrams to Washington and upon being advised had sat down at the desk and had taken about 15 minutes to draft the message and then had paid the sum of 58 cents plus 3 cents tax, taking the money from what looked like a large white muslin tobacco sack.

Continuing, Miss Atak stated that she had noticed the address sender had given and as she lived in that vicinity, she had looked him over in view of the fact that the wording of the telegram and the man's actions had frightened her and as she was just getting ready to go home she was curious to know who he was. Miss Atak stated that she had never seen the man before nor did she hear an automobile stop or start at the time the man entered and left. Miss Atak stated that she left her home immediately after the man left but did not see him anywhere.

A tracing of the man's signature and of Senator Vio Bonahay's name as written by the sender was made by Agent and same is being retained in the files of this case.

The writer contacted Chief of Police E. J. Jackson and he advised that he had never heard of Louis Barthoff nor anyone with a name similar to that of Louis Barthoff.

Agent interviewed the following persons in the vicinity of 728 East Main St. The address given by the sender and it will be sufficient to state here that none of them have ever heard of any person by the name of Louis Barthoff.

Robert Stickney

808 East Main St.

Walter Collins

725 East Main St. This man
rents to about 5 persons in
the immediate vicinity and

Benjamin Hughes

Iva Salts

O. A. DeVoe

725 East Main St.

725 East Main St. This man
owns the building and has
about 10 persons living in it.
He is a man of middle age
and is a native of the
state of Ohio.

500 East Main St. This party
has lived at this address for
40 years and stated that he
thought that (Barthoff) has
ever lived in the vicinity.

There is no such number as 725 on East Main Street.

The following description of Louis Barthoff was
obtained from Nellie Atak, Bell telephone operator, and the person
who accepted the telegram.

Name

Residence

Age

Weight

Weight

Color of hair

Color of eyes

Complexion

Mustache or beard

Build

Race

Maturity

Peculiarities

Louis Barthoff

725 East Main St. Van Buren
Ohio, (Ind. 115)

45

5' 8"

100 to 150 pounds

Brown, unkempt, curled out from
under hat in rear

Light blue

Very fair

Shaved, clean shaven

Medium

White

Washed and clean, carried away

in a large white muslin bag

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN

Post Office Box #812

Chicago, Illinois

June 12th, 1935

Special Agent in Charge
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; PAUL MILLER;
LOUIS BARTHOFF; MISCELLANEOUS -
ASCERTAIN IDENTITY SENDERS OF
TELEGRAMS RE ALLEGED LONG DISTANCE
TELEPHONE CALLS BY AL CAPONE GANG

In view of the reallocation of territory the entire file
in the above entitled case is being transmitted herewith
for appropriate attention in your district.

The Indianapolis Office should be considered as the Office
of Origin and this matter is being considered referred
upon completion at Chicago.

Very truly yours,

AELJ:LJM
62-2014
enc.

E. H. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

cc - Bureau

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
JUN 15 1935 A.M.
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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P.O. Box 812,
Chicago, Illinois.

Special Agent in Charge,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

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LOUIS BARTHOFF; MISCELLANEOUS -
ASCERTAIN IDENTITY SENDERS OF
TELEGRAMS RE ALLEGED LONG DISTANCE
TELEPHONE CALLS BY AL CAPONE SAID

There are being transmitted herewith two copies of
report made by Special Agent J.W. Franz, Omaha, Nebraska,
dated June 10, 1935, for inclusion in the file recently
transferred to your office due to reallocation of terri-
tory.

Very truly yours,

M.H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

ED
cc Bureau ✓
cc Omaha

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JUN 17 1935
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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

FILE NO.

62-1027

REPORT MADE AT: OMAHA, NEBRASKA	DATE WHEN MADE: 5/10/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 5/22, 24, 25/35	REPORT MADE BY: S. W. DRAKE
TITLE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; PAUL MILLER; LOUIS BARTHELF			MISCELLANEOUS - (ADVERTISING IDENTITY SHOWERS BY TELEPHONE ON ALL BOND LONG-DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALLS BY AT DAVENPORT IOWA.)
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="text-align: center;">No complaints registered with telephone companies, sheriffs' offices, Chiefs of Police, at Burlington, Muscatine, Davenport and Clinton, Iowa. No dial telephones in any Iowa city bordering Mississippi River. Remnants of Capone gang at Davenport, Iowa.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p>			
REFERENCE: Bureau letter of April 19, 1935; Bureau letter to Chicago Office, dated May 9, 1935.			
DETAILS: <p>The following individuals were interviewed relative to any complaints they may have received from persons who had been forced to make telephone calls, as suggested in the photostatic copy of communication attached to the Bureau letter of April 19, 1935. None of these individuals have received any such complaint:-</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>At Burlington, Iowa - Mr. H. W. Knight, Manager of the local telephone office; Chief of Police Fred J. Mackholz; Harry W. Hunt, Sheriff;</p> <p>At Muscatine, Iowa - Mr. W. L. Matthews, Manager of the local telephone office; Chief of Police W. J. Langstroth; V. E. Neaper, Sheriff;</p> <p>At Davenport, Iowa - Mr. E. W. Peterson, Manager of the Telephone Office; Chief of Police Sam Kelly; Sheriff Frank Martin;</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>John Edgar Hoover</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 62-35259-8	
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At Clinton, Iowa - Mr. H. G. Genger, Manager of the telephone company; Chief of Police E. R. Ruff; Sheriff J. E. Ruff.

The various managers of the telephone company stated that none of the cities in Iowa, along the Mississippi River, has dial telephones; that the only cities in Eastern Iowa having dial telephones are Cedar Rapids, Iowa City and Des Moines, Iowa. They stated that if this was a matter of particular importance, a complaint should be filed with the Area Office of the Bell Telephone Company at Des Moines, Iowa. Mr. H. G. Genger is the General Manager in charge at Des Moines, Iowa.

Sheriff Frank Martin, Davenport, Iowa, informed Agent there is a remnant of the old Al Capone Gang now residing at Davenport, Iowa. Mr. John K. Wall, who was formerly connected with the old Al Capone Gang, is now operating the Casino Night Club, in Davenport, and very recently, he also took out a lease on the Montrose Hotel, at Davenport, Iowa. Sheriff Martin added he had received no complaints on the operation of either the night club or the hotel, but he has been informed that various members of the old Al Capone Gang have stopped over at the Montrose Hotel on various occasions.

As Agent found no information of value relative to the anonymous telephone calls, this case is being referred to the office of origin.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	FOREIGN
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE CABLE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED CABLE
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT CABLE LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	WEEK-END CABLE LETTER
SHIP RADIOGRAM	RADIOGRAM

Please check class of service desired, otherwise message will be transmitted in a 25-cent communication

Postal Telegraph

THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM

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Cables



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Cables

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DATE FILED
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STANDARD TIME

Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

To ³⁵ Director of Investigation Edgar Hoover
Department of Justice Washington, D.C.
Dear Secretary:

About seven members of the Al Capone syndicate, are causing violent disturbance calls on phones long distance, day and night in Indiana. They are using four abducted phones, three are alien Scandinavian sailors. They employ two or more dial phones in their private quarters, which can be traced to telephone company, in some Missouri river city between Kansas City and Omaha.


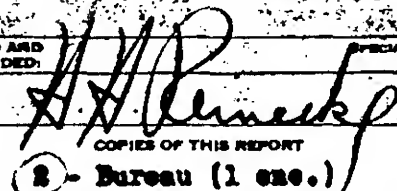
Paul Miller

1628 Wells St

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Indianapolis, Indiana.**

FILE NO. **32-36**

REPORT MADE AT Indianapolis, Indiana.	DATE WHEN MADE 9/14/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/8, 10, 12/35	REPORT MADE BY G. B. O'CONNELL
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; PAUL MILLER; LOUIS BARTHOFF.			MISCELLANEOUS - NO CERTAIN IDENTITY MESSAGES OF TELE- GRAMS FOR ALLEGED LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALLS BY AL CAPONE GANG
<div style="display: flex;"> <div style="width: 25%;"> <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p>  <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">JUL 18 1935</p> </div> <div style="width: 75%;"> <p>Four telegrams sent through Postal Telegraph Co., Fort Wayne, Ind., 4/22/35, addressed to Director of Investigation Edgar Hoover, Dept. of Justice; Secretary of Commerce Roper; Postmaster Farley; and Secretary of Treasury Mergenthau, all detailing the same information concerning long distance calls received in Indiana from Al Capone Gang in Missouri River city. Messages signed Paul Miller, 1628 Wells St., Franklin L. Bischoff residing at that address for five years, knows no Paul Miller, or anything concerning anonymous telephone calls. No complaints registered with Home Tel. & Tel. Co., nor with Ft. Wayne Police Department.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- 6 -</p> </div> </div>			
<p>REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated 5/9/35 to Chicago Bureau Office.</p> <p>DETAILS: AT FORT WAYNE, INDIANA</p> <p>R. C. Hall, Manager, Fort Wayne, Indiana, office, Postal Telegraph Company, upon request of Agent reviewed all outgoing messages for April 22, 1935, looking for the original of the message addressed "Director of Investigation Edgar Hoover, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.," and with the original of the message so addressed he displayed three other messages, all signed Paul Miller, and the address 1628 Wells St. appearing on each message. All four messages are set out below:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COPIES DESTROYED 40 SEP 29 1964</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: 	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT 2 - Bureau (1 enc.) 2 - Cleveland (Info.; 1 enc.) 2 - Indianapolis		<div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">62-35259-9</div> <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">JUL 18 A.M.</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <p>JUL 18 1935</p> <p>JUL 22 1935</p> </div> <div> <p>STAT</p> <p>3034</p> </div> </div>	

Director of Investigation Edgar Hoover
Department of Justice Washington, D. C.

Dear Secretary:

About seven members of the Al Capone syndicate, are causing violent disturbance calls on phones long distance, day and night in Indiana. They are using four abducted phoners; three are alien Scandinavian sailors. They employ two or more dial phones in their private quarters, which can be trailed to telephone company, in some Missouri river city between Kansas City and Omaha.

Paul Miller

1628 Wells St.

Postmaster Farley
Post Office Department Washington, D. C.

Dear Secretary:

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Paul Miller

1628 Wells St.

Secretary of Commerce Roper
Department of Commerce Building Washington, D. C.

Dear Secretary:

Kindly use your influence in terminating Al Capone syndicate long distance phone calls. They use four abducted phoners to use base language on home phones three being alien sailors. They use two or more dial phones private house which can be traced to phone company on Missouri river.

Paul Miller

1628 Wells St.

Secretary of Treasury Morgenthau
Treasury Department Building Washington, D. C.

Dear Secretary:

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Paul Miller

1628 Wells St.

The originals of the above messages show they were left at the local office at 8:30 P. M., April 26, 1935, all to go "night letter" and were received by Michael Schump, whose home is at Somerset, Ohio, and who terminated his employment with the Postal Telegraph Co. on June 30, 1935. At the time these messages were deposited, Schump was on duty alone.

Mr. Hall allowed Agent to examine the Fort Wayne city directory for 1934, which is the latest published, which, for the address given by the sender of the above-described messages listed "Franklin L. Bischoff (Alice F., 1438 Wells St., [unclear]).

The following is a listing of the Paul Miller's in the directory:
Paul E. Miller, 1849 Oakdale Drive-Anti Borax Compound Co.
Rev. Paul F. Miller-Paster, St. Paul Evan. Lutheran Church.
Paul H. Miller, 1859 Oakdale Drive, salesman-C. R. Hicks Ins. Co.
Paul H. Miller, 1304 Antoinette, ship clerk-Ft. Wayne Drug Co.
Paul S. Miller, 304 Greenwood Ave., Knicker.
Paul Miller, 2625 Bowser Ave., Ritzman-Miller Radio Service.

Inasmuch as the message sent to Senator Vic Donahay, from Van Wert, Ohio, on April 26, 1935 was signed Louis Barthoff, Agent requested that the Fort Wayne Postal Office review their files for messages delivered to, or sent by, Paul Miller, Louis Barthoff, and Franklin L. Bischoff between April 25, 1935 and May 1, 1935, which was done with negative results, no other messages being found in any of the three names between these dates than the four previously set out.

Photostatic copies of the message addressed "Director of Investigation Edgar Hoover" were obtained for such value as may be contained in having photostats of the sender's handwriting. One photostat is accompanying copies of this report to the Bureau, and one is being sent to the Cleveland Office, in which file there is contained tracing of the signature "Louis Barthoff". One copy is being retained in the Indianapolis Office file.

E. J. Ford, Supervisor of Collections, Home Telephone and Telegraph Company, 305 E. Berry Street, stated that no complaints of the nature complained of in the telegrams had come to his attention, and after he had contacted other executives of the Company, stated that nothing pertaining to such messages being received in Fort Wayne or elsewhere was known to the Home Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Dan W. Kintz, Captain of Detectives, Fort Wayne Police Department, stated that he knew nothing of telephone calls of the nature complained of. Asked about Franklin L. Bischoff, he said there was no criminal record on Bischoff, and that he knew both Bischoff and his father.

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Continuing, Captain Kintz said that he knew of no Miller residing with Bischoff, and that he believed the latter works as an engine hostler with the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Sergeant E. G. Frankfather, Bureau of Identification, N.Y. State Police Department, after a review of the files, stated there were no criminal records in the names of Franklin L. Bischoff or Louis Bartholomew. Sergeant Frankfather gave the following records on persons arrested under the name of Paul Miller:

9/12/33. [REDACTED] with aliases Paul Edward Miller, [REDACTED]

8/15/30. Paul R. Miller #2376, alias [REDACTED]

C. A. Taylor, Chief Clerk, Pennsylvania Railroad, Fort Wayne Division, 1401 South Clinton St., stated that Franklin L. Bischoff had the following employment record with the Company:

Started 11/26/34 as a laborer; dropped 12/28/34. Re-employed 10/10/37 as engine wiper; resigned 1/9/38 to better himself, 10/28/39 hired as a hostler helper; 10/2/51 changed to asphalt laborer; 5/9/52 furloughed. Re-employed 7/12/53 as hostler helper; employment continuous to present time.

The duties of a hostler helper according to Mr. Taylor, are to fire engines coming from the engine house to the passenger depot. He further obtained the following information as to Bischoff's work record on April 26, 27, and 28, 1935:

4/26/35. 12 M. to 3 P. M., hostler helper.

4/27/35. 12M. to 3 P. M., hostler helper.

4/28/35. Off duty on account of it being his relief day.

On working days, Mr. Taylor stated that Bischoff would not be out of the terminal during his working hours.

There was no application on file in the name of Bischoff, but the office record indicated that he was born October 17, 1904 at Ft. Wayne, Ind.

After several unsuccessful attempts were made to contact Bischoff at his home, he was contacted by telephone and came to the Anthony Hotel where he was interviewed by Agent. He stated that he has resided at 1628 Wells Street for five years with his wife and children, and that during this period no other persons have resided at the above address. He said

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that he knows no Paul Miller or Louis Barthoff and could not identify anyone from the description of the sender of the messages from Van Wert, Ohio, as set out in report of Special Agent W. E. Smith, Cleveland, Ohio, dated May 23, 1935.

Questioned further, Franklin Bischoff could give no information concerning telephone calls of the nature referred to in the telegram previously set out, and stated emphatically that he was not the sender of the messages from Fort Wayne and that he had not been in Van Wert, except to pass through while driving, for a number of years.

From Agent's dictation, Mr. Bischoff wrote the following in lead pencil, since the original telegrams were prepared in pencil, and his handwriting did not seem to compare with the handwriting in the original messages on file with the Postal Telegraph Company. This specimen of his handwriting is being retained in the Indianapolis office file:

Handwriting specimen: Quote "Paul Miller. Louis Bischoff. Sec. of Commerce Reper. Sec. of Treasury Morganthau. Director of investigation Edgar Hoover. Dear Secretary."

The following description obtained through observation and questioning of Bischoff is set out:

Name:	Franklin L. Bischoff
Address:	1628 Wells Street, Ft. Wayne, Ind.
Age:	51 (Should be 50; born 10/17/04)
Height:	72 inches.
Weight:	172 pounds.
Build:	Medium.
Hair:	Brown.
Eyes:	Brown.
Complexion:	Fair.
Features:	Small moustache.

It will be noted that the description of Bischoff does not compare with that set out of the sender of the message from Van Wert, Ohio, on April 26, and it is further noted that Bischoff was employed on April 26 until 8 P. M., which is Central Standard Time, while the sender of the message at Van Wert, Ohio, called to deposit his message at 9:51 P. M., Eastern Standard Time.

Reference letter stated that no detailed investigation should be made, and since fictitious addresses were used in sending the messages from both places, it is assumed that the names, too, are fictitious. Accordingly, the Paul Miller's listed in the Fort Wayne city directory were not contacted, nor are any leads being set out to continue this investigation, it being left to the discretion of the Bureau if this matter should be further developed.

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